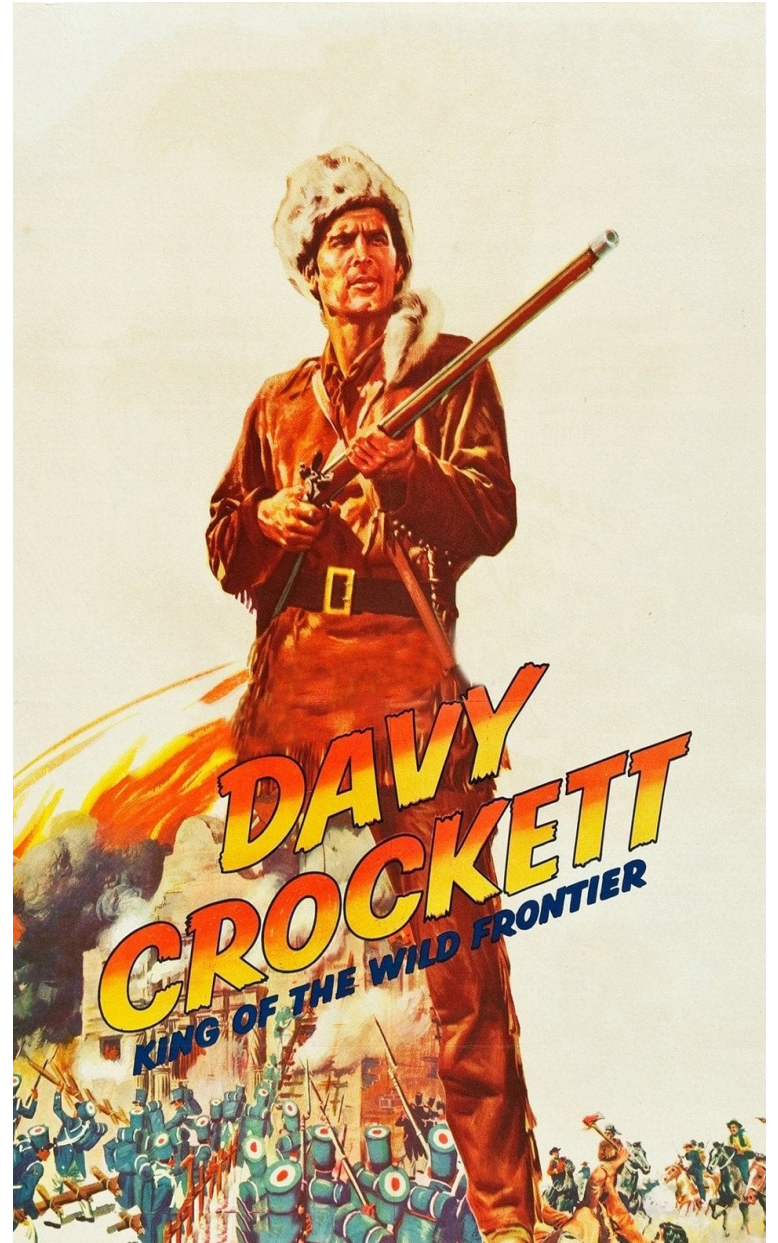


Davy Crockett

Euramerican Hero

AGENDA

- Who is Davy Crockett? Why is he important?
- Early Life on the Frontier
- Rise to Fame in Congress
- At the Alamo
- Folk Hero and Legacy



Who was Davy Crockett?

Who was Davy Crockett?

- Soldier and Indian Fighter
 - Politician
 - Folk Hero
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- His life mirrors the experiences of Euramericans in the 1800's.

Famous Quotes

“I'm that same David Crockett, fresh from the backwoods, half-horse, half-alligator, a little touched with the snapping turtle; can wade the Mississippi, leap the Ohio, ride upon a streak of lightning, and slip without a scratch down a honey locust [tree].”

Famous Quotes

“I leave this rule
for others when I'm
dead, Be always
sure you're right —
then go ahead!”

- Davy Crockett



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Early Life

Early Life

- Of French, Scots-Irish, English ancestry
- Born on the Frontier in 1786 in what is now Tennessee
- Fifth of Nine Children
- Born Poor
 - Father put him in Indentured Servitude for Debts at 12 years
 - Worked as Cowboy; Treated well and paid
 - Little formal education

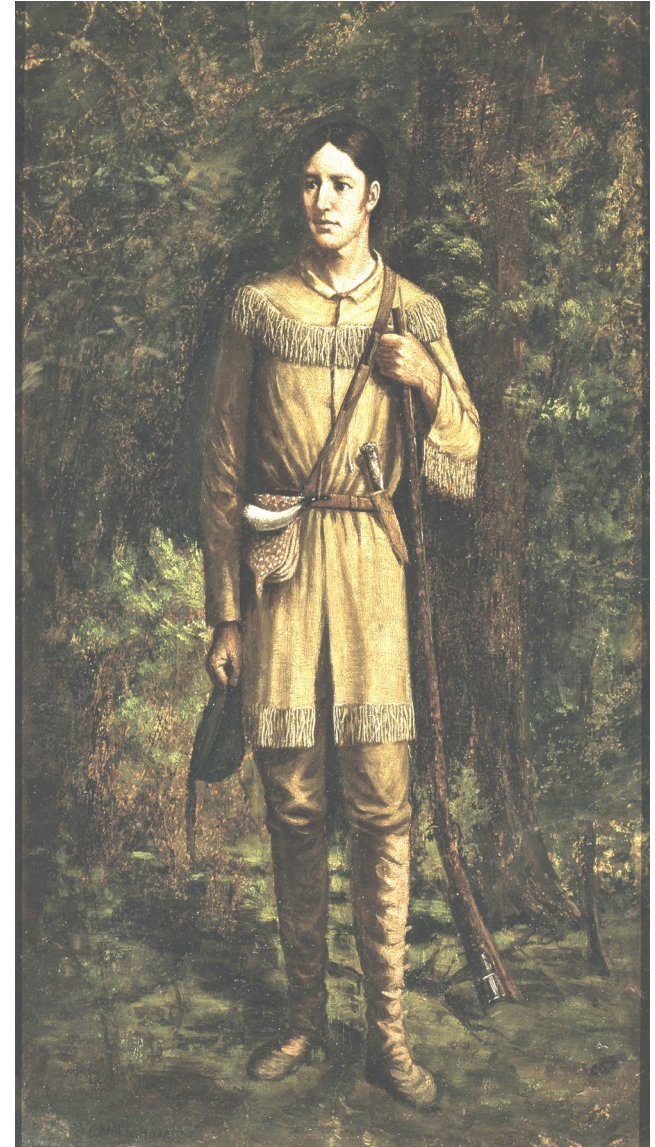
Early Life



Replica of His Birth Home

Early Life

- Davy hunted, fished on the Frontier
- Worked cattle runs
- Hunted Bear
- Often Wandered Alone in the woods for long periods of time
- Mastered shooting rifles, knives and pistols
- Master Woodsman



Early Life

- Married in 1806 to Polly Finley
- 3 children
- Polly died in 1815 at 27 years
- Married Elizabeth Patton, she already had 2 children, together they had 3 more children.



Elizabeth

Early Life

- Davy had a way with words, spinning yarns about his life as a backwoodsman, hunter, fighter throughout his years.
- He told stories about fighting a bear with only a kitchen knife.



Indian Fighter

Indian Fighter

- When War of 1812 started, Davy was 26 years old
- The Creek Indians had attacked and massacred Fort Mims in Mobile, Mississippi Territory in 1813
- Over 500 killed or Captured by “Red Stick” Creek.
- 250 Scalps taken by Red Sticks
- Andrew Jackson was the Major General of Tennessee Militia
- In 1913, Davy joined the Tennessee Militia
- Fought in the Creek War against the Red Sticks



Indian Fighter

- Worked as a scout under General Jackson
- Traveled Tennessee, Mississippi Territory, Florida and Louisiana
- Became known as a good scout and fighter



Politician

Davy Crockett, Politician

- Elected to Tennessee State House from 1821 to 1823
- As a supporter of Andrew Jackson in 1826, joined the U.S. House of Representatives
- He told many exaggerated tales about life as a woodsman
- Famous as a rough and tough character
- Famous as a coonskin cap wearing folk hero

Davy Crockett, Politician

- An 1831 play “The Lion of the West” popularized Crockett
- Played up his image as a frontier fighter
- Presented him as a larger-than-life folk hero
- Many other tales were told of him afterward
- His exaggerated stories helped position him as fierce, fighting hero

At The Alamo

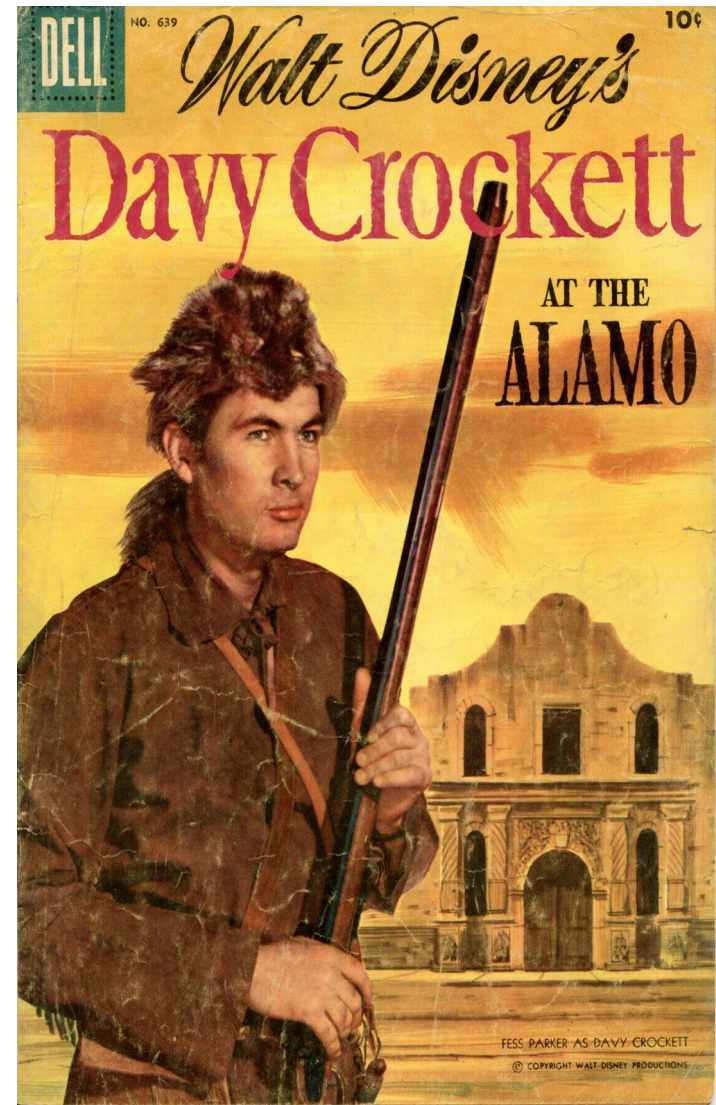
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- In 1835, the Crocketts left Tennessee in a covered wagon for Texas.
- Land was cheap
- Lots of Freedom
- Part of Mexico
- There was a Euramerican separatist movement



At the Alamo

- Davy wanted to be part of the Texas Revolution
- A separatist war for an independent Texas not part of Mexico
- He took an oath to the Texas Republic and took up arms against Mexico
- He joined other soldiers at the Alamo



At the Alamo

- Santa Anna, a Mexican General, approached the Alamo with 2000 troops in February, 1836
- There were about 200 Texan separatists.
- A 13 day battle ensued.
- Free Texan soldiers were killed
- Davy Crockett was reported as one of the last to die, executed under orders of Santa Anna.

At the Alamo

- “Remember the Alamo” became a battle cry for Euramericans and Free Texans.
- The attack focused support for a Free Texas.
- In March of 1836, a Declaration of Independence created for a Free Texan Republic.
- Texans defeated Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto.
- A treaty ended the war for independence.
- Texas a free country of Euramericans

At the Alamo

Davy Crockett remembered as a hero of the Alamo



The Legacy of Davy Crockett

Legacy of Davy Crockett

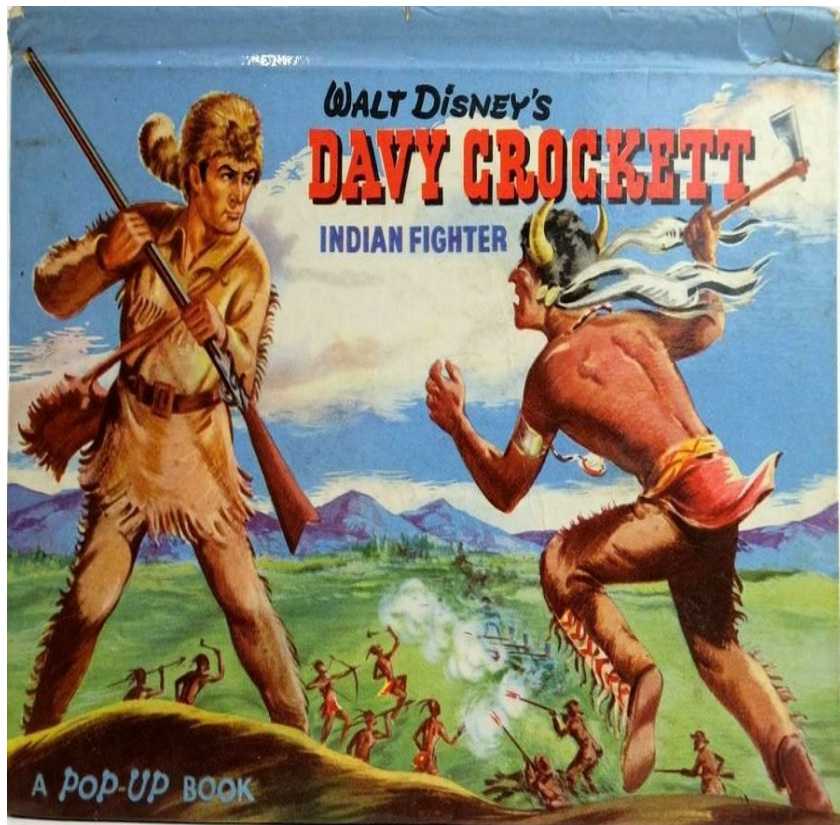
- Davy Crockett was already a legend during his lifetime.
- He became a folk hero after his death at the Alamo.
- Songs, Stories, plays told wild tales about him and his deeds immediately after his death



Davy Crockett Almanac, 1842

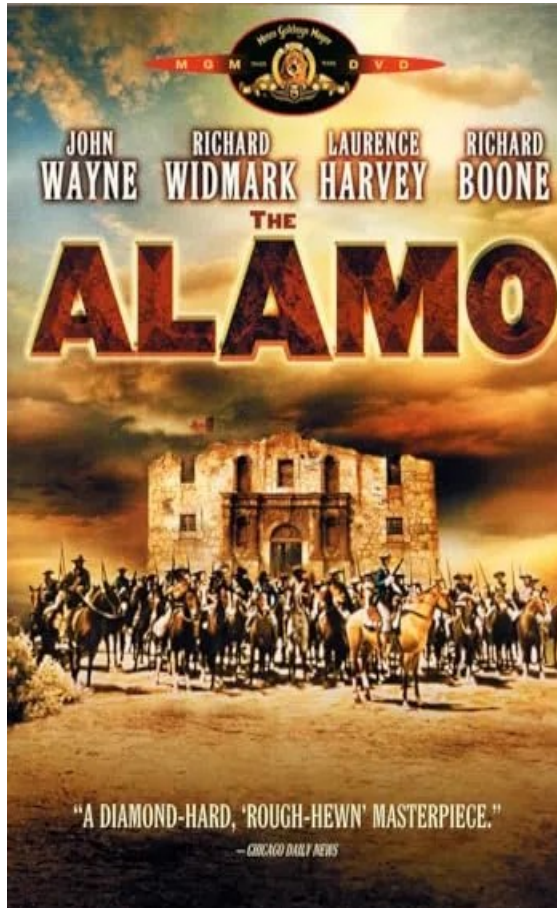
Legacy of Davy Crockett

- In the 1950's, Walt Disney resurrected stories of Davy Crockett and made films, comics, books, songs about him.



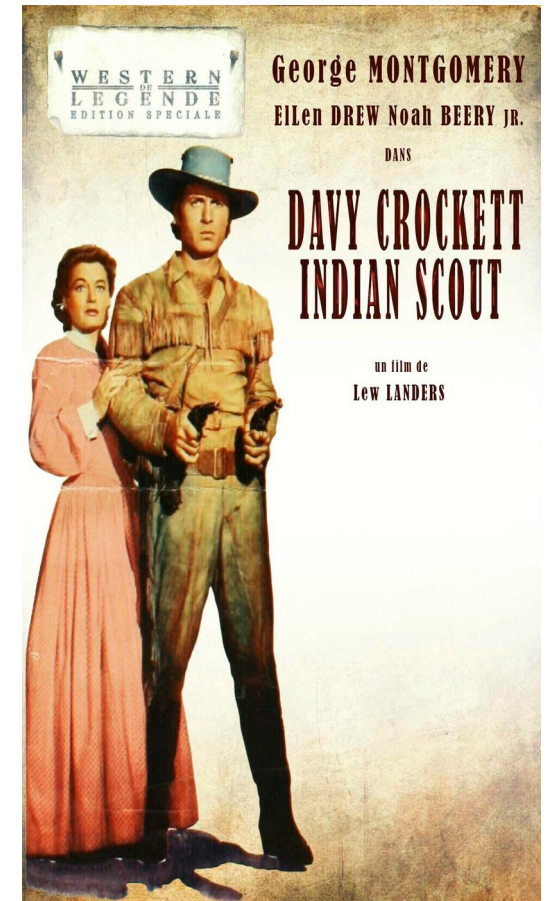
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- John Wayne starred in films about Davy Crockett



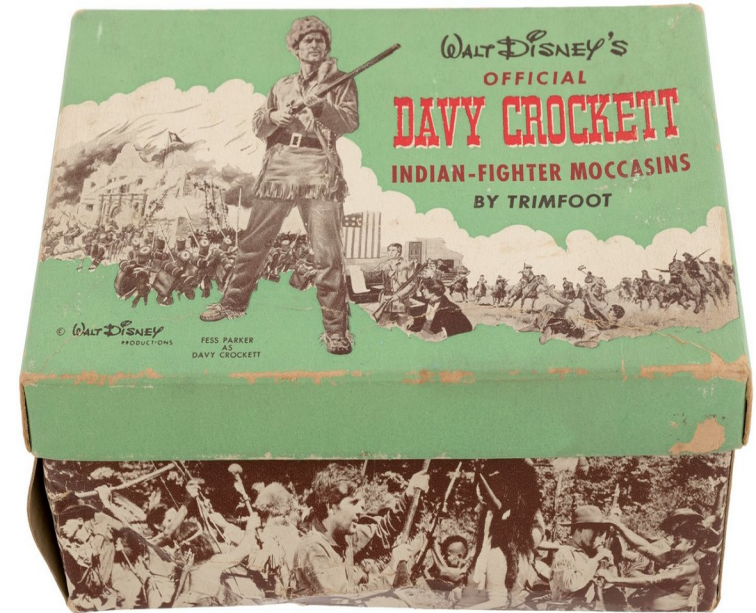
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- His story was told regularly in popular media in the 1950's and 1960's



Legacy of Davy Crockett

- Shoes, clothes, toys, lunchboxes, books, films and comics were everywhere



Legacy of Davy Crockett

- Davy Crockett was a true Euramerican hero
- Fought for his people
- Died for his people
- Accomplished amazing things in his life
- Remembered for great deeds
- It is good to remember the folk heroes of our people

